

IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) Convertible vehicle (1) with a movable roof (2), which has a flexible roof covering (4) at least in its rear area, wherein the rear of the roof covering (4) is held on a tension bow (11), which can be moved upward from a tensioned position that forms the closed roof (2), wherein at least one flexible tensioning device (13) is assigned to the roof covering (4) and exerts a tensioning force on marginal regions of the roof covering (4) when the roof (2) is closed, wherein the tensioning device(s) (13) are each assigned to a sealing line (12) of the roof covering (4) in a lower marginal region of the roof and in a marginal region of the roof that is located in front of the tension bow (8) with respect to the direction of vehicle travel (F), and in the tensioning position with the roof (2) closed, they act on this sealing line with a force that presses downward (arrow 20).

12. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein exactly one tensioning device (13) is assigned to each longitudinal side of the vehicle.

13. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein it the tensioning device(s) (13) each act on the sealing line (12) with a force that presses against a region (21) of the automobile body (5) that serves as a support.

14. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 13, wherein it the support (21) is curved convexly upward.

15. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein it the tensioning device(s) (13) lie at least partially within sealing lines (12) formed by elastic profiles.

16. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein it a flexible tensioning device (13) or each flexible tensioning device (13) has the dual function, when the roof (2) is closed, of applying both a force that presses the marginal region (11) in front of the tension bow (8) downward and a force that tightens lateral seals located farther to the front with respect to the direction of vehicle travel (F) against upper edges of side windows.

17. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein it a tensioning device (13) extends between a front roof region, a so-called roof tip (16), and the rear tension bow (8).

18. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein it the tensioning device (13) or each tensioning device (13) includes a tension spring (14).

19. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein it the tensioning device (13) or each tensioning device (13) includes a traction cable.

20. (New) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein it includes a body-mounted cover part (7), on which, in the closed position, the rear end (6) of the roof tightly rests, and which is to be opened to receive the roof (2) in the automobile body (5).